the election of the parents is to be preferred before the affection of their children in marriages, 2nd, whether the father may lawfully disinherit his first born, 3rd, whether a reasonable allowance may be taken for lending of money, /j.th, whether the rich or the poor are to be accounted most blessed , 5th, whether there be degrees of glory in Heaven or differences of pains in Hell These questions are argued by Philogus and Tychicus, two lovers of learning, the latter supporting his arguments more from the Scriptures, the former rather from common experience Of the rights of parents in marriage Tychicus saith that if a man may bestow his goods to whom he will, he may as well bestow his children where he thinketh best, for children are the goods of the parents To which Philogus answereth that if parents impose upon their children a match more to content their desire for more than their children's godly choice for love then they should not be obeyed, for what greater occasion of incontinency could be given than to match a young and lusty maid against her own mind with an infirm and decrepit person to satisfy another's pleasure ? To this Tychicus replieth that to match a young maid and an old man is indeed most miserable.

GILES FLETCHER'S [fi] OF THE RUSSE COMMONWEALTH '

The Book of the Russe Commonwealth, by Mr Giles Fletcher (that was employed in the Queen's service to the Emperor of Russia in 1588), being dedicated to the Queen Herein is described the cosmography of the country; the ordering of the state, with the condition of the commonality or vulgar sort, the judicial procedure, their warlike provisions and martial discipline, the ecclesiastical state, ending with

a chapter upon the oeconomy or private behaviour of the people of that nation

The Emperor of the country is a person of mean stature, somewhat low and gross, of a sallow complexion, and inclining to the dropsy, hawk nosed, unsteady in his pace by reason of some weakness of his limbs, heavy and inactive, yet commonly smiling, almost to a laughter For quality otherwise simple or slow witted, but very gentle and of an easy nature, quiet, merciful, of no martial disposition, nor greatly apt for matter of policy, very superstitious, and infinite that way